

ELGIN AMBULANCE SERVICE

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Hi my name is Kris Silver I am an EMT Basic

I am here today on behalf of the ambulance service - we are asking the budget committee for an increase in our stipend

Here are a couple of things that you should know about us and the Elgin ambulance service

Did you know that---right now we have only 5 emts and all of us work jobs

Did you know that---we go to school 2 night every week for 5 months for a basic and 6 months for an intermediate, and 4 of us just finished driving to enterprise for the last 6 months.

Did you know that---are average response time is 5 min.

Did you know that---when we go on a call at 2:00 in the morning we have to get up to go to work between 5-8 that same morning.

Did you know that---medical personnel have some of the highest chances of getting exposed to infectious diseases and every year Elgin gets more and more people that live here that are infected.

Did you know that---our ambulance is e 5 years old and in 5 more years needs to be replaced. Will we have enough money

Did you know that---Elgin has to up the ambulance rates do to the LaGrande changes. The EMTs feel as the backbone of the ambulance we also deserve a rate increase.

Did you know that-----we drop anything we are doing to go on a call. We have left family gatherings so we could help someone else's family. Being an emt not only effects us but it also effects our loved ones.

Did you know that---Oregon has some of the highest requirements for EMTs. We have to have 24 basic and 48 Inter of training to recertitfy every 2 years.

Did you know that---3 of you emts or CPR instructors and spend there own time to teach the people of Elgin CPR

We are here today to inform you of what we do so you can understand the dedication that we have to the city of Elgin and the service.

When the pager goes off there is always a second that you hold your breath hoping that it is not a bad one.

That someone's baby has not breathed it's last breath, that someone's teenager will not be graduating, that you have to tell someone that their grandpa is gone, and tell someone that you did everything you could to save their father or husband. and we always pray please please don't let it be a friend or loved one. We all have haunting memories that we have to live with but there is also the good.....

We are EMT's because it makes us feel good that we may have helped someone see another day because we showed up.

We don't do this for the thanks, which we seldom get.....

We do this for our community but we would like our community to realize the dedication, emotional and physical stress we endure and we feel a pay raise is a small way to compensate us for our dedication.